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Mississippi Baptists Gather in Convention Seventy-Third Session

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The air is pure and balmy. The Gulf breeze is charming. Great companies are coming in on every train. The Ministers' Conference was well attended. The Conference met in the City Hall at 10 o'clock and was called to order by Rev. Theo. Whitfield, vice-president, in the absence of the president.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. P. I. Lipsey, of Clinton; vice-president, W. S. Allen, of Florence; secretary, Rev. Martin Ball, of Winona.

Revs. John Buchanan and..... Mc-
Kee were selected as a committee on enrollment.

The subject, "Spiritual Culture of the Church" was discussed by Rev. T. L. Holcomb, of Yazoo City. He pressed the thought of a pure, refined heart evidenced by a clean life. It is necessary to have a clear head, clean heart, and active body. He urged the point that we let God use us and not that we use God for the occasion.

Rev. H. L. Martin presented some suggestive plans by which the spiritual culture of the church may be enhanced. There are no set rules that God's people may adopt for spiritual culture. We must assume that the membership of our churches is regenerated and the minister himself must be a growing spiritual power.

"A Good Prayer Meeting and How to Make It," was the topic discussed by Rev. W. A. Hewitt, of Columbus. He asked: "Did you ever read that passage, 'My house shall be a house of singing and preaching?' No. 'A house of prayer.'"

Numbers do not make a prayer meeting. In the Philipian jail, in a great prayer meeting there were only two. He told how he conducted his prayer meeting and suggested many plans used.

Several brethren, G. W. Riley, Prof. Eager, W. C. Grace, H. L. Weeks, W. A. Borum, H. C. Roberts and others gave interesting suggestions as to the best way of making a successful prayer meeting. Many of the speakers dealt with his own experience. Exceedingly helpful means of making the prayer meeting a success.

At the close of the good discussion of the great subject, a fervent unctious prayer was offered by Rev. E. T. Mobberly, of Booneville.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., was requested to

occupy the time that was allotted to Dr. Venable, who was not present. The subject announced was expository preaching. Dr. Mullins was heard with much interest on the subject. He illustrated in a brief way the feasibility of expository preaching. This was done by taking some verses from Col. 1. His speech was brief, but he magnified the study of the Scriptures. The tides of life are on the surface of the Scripture; we must let these tides flow into us. Dr. A. J. Vining, of Canada, was introduced and welcomed.

The Conference adjourned until 2:15. Prayer was offered by Dr. A. J. Vining.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

President P. I. Lipsey, of Clinton, called the Conference to order at 2:15. Sung, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Devotional exercises were conducted by J. E. Barnett. Read Rom. 10. Prayers were offered by Dr. P. I. Lipsey, of Clinton, Rev. O. D. Brown, and J. E. Thigpen, of Flora. Sung, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"

The topic, "Special Reading," was discussed by Prof. P. H. Eager, of Mississippi College. It was thought by the committee on program that it would be well to have a layman talk to the preachers on what they should read. The talk was well received, and was exceedingly helpful.

It was interesting to see the deep interest of all the preachers present in the subject of reading as presented by Prof. Eager.

Rev. J. N. McMillin introduced the subject, "The Best Book I Have Read This Year." He defined his subject, stating that a book is better for one time than another.

Fifteen minutes were given to the general discussion of the subject of reading—Revs. E. T. Mobberly, W. T. Lowrey, P. I. Lipsey, and Jas. E. Thigpen.

Dr. I. P. Trotter, of Hattiesburg, was to discuss the budget plan of collection, but was prevented from coming, by a funeral in his congregation. The subject was discussed by President Lipsey. He told of the adoption of this plan by the Clinton church. Much interest was manifested in this form of church giving. All conceded that this was the Scriptural plan. Every Sunday—every one—to avoid spasmodic gatherings.

Dr. L. E. Barton, of West Point, gave an

animated discussion of the subject, "Marks of a Great Sermon."

A great sermon must have as its fundamental basis loyalty to God's Word. A sermon to be a great sermon must have purpose—trying to bring something to pass. He must have a plan for that purpose. Purpose controls a man's life. Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat. Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett, of Eupora, spoke of some sermons that had helped him. Dr. W. T. Lowrey told of a sermon he once heard by a young preacher without education, poorly clad, but he was clothed with humility. The Holy Spirit used the young man. His sermon was a success.

A committee was appointed to provide a program for next year's meeting.

A resolution requesting the Convention to publish the minutes of this session in the minutes of the Convention was passed.

The speech of Dr. L. E. Barton on "The Marks of a Great Sermon" was requested for publication in the Baptist Record. The closing prayer was offered by Rev. J. P. Williams.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION.

President Lipsey was in the chair promptly at 7:30. Fifteen minutes were spent in a song service, led by Dr. George W. Riley, of Houston.

Prayer was offered by Rev. T. W. Green of Lexington.

The president announced the committee on program for the next session—Revs. L. E. Barton, of West Point; W. A. Hewitt, of Columbus; and C. O. W. Gear, of Aberdeen.

Rev. J. B. Leavell, of Indianola, spoke on "Praying in the Spirit." The congregation was drawn nearer to Jesus as the speaker portrayed the work of the Spirit in prayer.

Dr. W. A. Borum, of Jackson, spoke on "Preaching in the Holy Spirit." The power of the Spirit was signally felt while Dr. Borum quietly led the congregation to the heights of glory.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of the Seminary, preached from the subject "The Lordship of Christ." The sermon was matchless. One felt more like hanging on the great preacher's splendid thoughts and the beautiful word painting. After this wonderful sermon, Dr. T. J. Shipman offered an

uneous prayer. The congregation sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." The Conference adjourned by prayer from Rev. W. A. McComb.

The seventy-third annual session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention convened in the City Hall, Gulfport, at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, Nov. 22nd.

President W. M. Whittington, of Greenwood, called the Convention to order. The attendance was large, measurably filling the spacious hall. The attendance of the church and citizens of Gulfport was small at the opening.

Rev. W. A. Borum, of Jackson, led the congregation in helpful devotional exercises. Several fervent prayers were offered. The great congregation joined heartily in singing the old songs of Zion. John 15 was read. Some comforting comments were made by Dr. Borum.

Dr. W. C. Grace, pastor of the First Baptist Church, gave a hearty, happy welcome address. He told the Convention that the Commercial Union and the City Council united with all the citizens in serving the Convention as hosts. A felicitous, chaste and happy response to this address was made by Brother A. E. Reimer, of Oxford.

The following visitors were introduced, and given a cordial welcome and the courtesies of the Convention extended them: Revs. J. J. Smyley, La.; I. M. Wise, La.; Dr. T. S. Potts, Tenn.; A. J. Vining, Canada; E. Y. Mullins, President of the Seminary at Louisville, Ky.; J. G. Chastain, President of the General Convention of Mexico; Rev. B. P. Roach, China; Dr. Wm. H. Smith, Foreign Mission Board; Dr. S. A. Smith, La.; H. C. McGill, Western Recorder, and a number of brethren representing the General Association of Mississippi.

ORGANIZATION.

The election of officers was declared to be in order. Hon. W. M. Whittington, of Greenwood, was re-elected president; Lowrey Love, of Hattiesburg, and Dr. A. S. Morris, of Gulfport, were chosen vice-presidents; Rev. Wilson E. Lee, corresponding and recording secretary; Dr. T. J. Bailey, treasurer; and Rev. S. G. Cooper, statistical secretary.

Reports of trustees of Mississippi College and Board of Ministerial Education were made by the proper officers.

A letter of greetings from the Christian Convention now in session at Greenwood was read by the secretary of the Convention, and he was instructed to send a suitable response.

The Board of Ministerial Education stated that sixty-three young men with the ministry in view have already enrolled in Mississippi College this session, one more than the number for the entire session of last year. These are receiving instructions in the Bible and training in its interpretation under Dr. Sprules, as well as literary tuition in the other departments of the Col-

lege. Twenty-six are receiving assistance; others are preaching to nearby churches, and still others doing manual work to help keep themselves in school. This shows a growing spirit of independence and manliness.

The annual expense of the Board is about \$3,000.00. The Board began this session with a debt of \$3,312.10. Since the session opened \$2,074.50 have been received, enabling the Board to pay an overdraft at the bank of \$469.95, and interest on one note, and running expenses of \$527.31 to date. \$1,500.00 of the debt is for building ministerial cottages.

The report of the board of trustees of Mississippi College was read by Rev. W. A. McComb, secretary of the board. The report sets forth the fact that the \$75,000 for the building fund had been raised, and that payment of \$10,000 from Mr. Carnegie and the fifth payment, \$5,363.50 from the general education board, both conditioned on the collection of the balance due from the people, had been paid. The collections mentioned above completed the collection of the \$140,000 for which pledges had been secured in the campaign of 1905-06. The new Science Building has been completed at a cost of about \$50,000. It is pronounced the best science building in the State. There is now a debt on that building of \$8,986.65. Dr. W. T. Lowrey resigned the presidency after thirteen years' efficient service. Dr. J. W. Provine, the head of the natural science department of the College, was unanimously elected. He has been connected with the College seventeen years. The endowment is now \$130,000, and other property on a conservative estimate is worth \$170,000 exclusive of debts, making the present total valuation about \$300,000.

The report of the committee on Baptist Hospital at Jackson, was read. The proposition made to the committee by Drs. Hunter & Shands was accepted. Gov. A. H. Longino acted as attorney for the committee without charge, securing a clear deed to the property under the conditions specified. There is a building with eight rooms and a kitchen. The Hospital is in charge of Miss Sallie Stamps, a trained nurse and a manager of successful experience; a Baptist and noble Christian woman. There is a visiting staff of some of the most eminent physicians and surgeons in Jackson. The building is not only taxed to its capacity by patients seeking admission, but it is impossible to meet the demands with our present room and equipment. It is contemplated that a building to cost \$50,000 be erected in the immediate future.

Superintendent J. R. Carter, of the Orphanage, read the fourteenth annual report of the Baptist Orphanage. This has been a year of epidemics. Three children passed into the Great Beyond. Everything possible was done for these to save their lives but to no avail. Several of the buildings have been improved during the year. The report mentions a debt of \$3,100.00, but expresses faith in God and the brethren. The total receipts for the year amounts to \$17,772.09. The disbursements amount to \$19,783.57.

The trustees have borrowed \$45,000 to complete the above. Dr. T. S. Potts is financial agent and is gradually completing the raising of the funds. The trustees hope later to make it a half million dollar hospital—the very best in the South. They also hope to open the hospital early in the year 1912.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions were led by Brother W. A. Borum, of Jackson. Secretary A. V. Rowe read the twenty-sixth annual report of the Convention Board. The work of the year has been done in the face of great difficulties.

The ravages of the boll weevil have been tremendous. As the years go by and the development of our State in material resources is going on in so many directions, there is an ever-increasing need of State Missions. The eyes of capitalists are turned on Mississippi with increasing favor as to investments that will pay large dividends.

We have a soil that responds to cultivation of crops of greater diversity than perhaps in any other State. Our "cut over" lands are being brought up and colonies of home seekers and home makers from the middle West are settling them. Attention is called to the Delta and its needs. The work of the Board was laid out on the basis of

\$31,000.00, thus making with the Home and Foreign Mission Boards apportionment, making the full \$100,000.00. The work of the efficient Sunday School missionary was very favorably mentioned. The study of the normal courses of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Nashville, Tenn., has resulted in delivering nearly two hundred diplomas, and enrolling a great number in the Teacher Training Course.

The Board reports \$2,757.11 for Aged Ministers' Relief, an increase of \$452.34 over last year.

The receipts of all funds are ahead of last year. Something over \$10,000 above what was done last year. The spirit of co-operation among the brotherhood is delightful, and this is observable not only in the bounds of the Convention, but also to be seen in the General Association with whom the Board is on terms of the warmest fellowship, and with joint appointments are seeking to extend His Kingdom.

The chairman of the Layman's Executive Committee offered a real good report, showing a successful year's work.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

President E. Y. Mullins, of the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., made a captivating speech on "Leadership in the Ministry." The address was charming and captivating, scintillating with earnest thought. There are now two hundred and sixty enrolled in the Seminary. A collection, amounting to \$1,200.00 for the students' fund was subscribed. The giving was exceedingly hearty and enthusiastic.

The closing prayer was offered by Dr. T. S. Potts, of Memphis.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Dr. W. A. Borum, of Jackson, led the devotions. Rev. W. R. Cooper, of Grenada, offered an unctuous prayer for guidance. Every part of the spacious auditorium was filled. The ladies having finished their labor, assembled with the Convention. The great throng was eager to listen to the proceedings of the Convention. Several familiar songs were sung by the entire audience.

President Whittington called the Convention to order.

The committee on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education reported through Rev. M. O. Patterson the chairman.

The report that an educated man is a "lead out" man. It is not merely to know, but to think, and to do and to be. Any system of education which falls short of this four-fold—is essentially imperfect and incomplete. Christian education is the only process which combines knowing, thinking, doing and being. Mississippi College is the only school in the State that is owned and controlled by the Baptist State Convention. Three-score years the College has stood for the "leading out" of the entire man. One of the crowning glories of the College is in the Christian manhood which the school sends into all the walks of life.

The outlook of Mississippi College was never brighter and more hopeful. The strength of the College is not in her great wealth, but in a strong faculty, a large patronage, hundreds of loyal sons, a moderate endowment, and a history as thrilling as romance.

The wisdom of the choice of Dr. J. W. Provine has been evidenced already. The enrollment thus far in the session is the largest in the history of the College, with two exceptions. Almost four hundred students have been enrolled.

The present needs are more endowment. It should have at least \$500,000 endowment. The General Education Board of New York has confidence in the College and wants to help the Baptists do a large thing. It is thought that this Board will lay down one dollar to every two, to the amount of \$100,000.00, if a large thing is undertaken.

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The third need is an administration building, and a well equipped gymnasium. The committee recommends the launching of the

large movement in the near future—the largest endowment movement yet undertaken, and that a suitable man be put in the field not later than January 1st, 1913, and sooner, if the board of trustees think wiser, to raise the desired amount.

It was further recommended that Dr. W. T. Lowrey and President J. W. Provine be appointed as a committee to confer with the General Education Board of New York and other benefactors to ascertain how much they would give in case something large is undertaken.

The closing prayer was offered by Dr. T. S. Potts, of Memphis.

The committee also gave a report on Ministerial Education. There are more than one hundred of our Mississippi Baptist ministers in different schools this year, twenty in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.; sixty-three in Mississippi College; twenty-two in Clarke Memorial College; twenty-five of these in Mississippi College, are receiving aid. Many more would doubtless be in these institutions but for financial difficulties. Excellent speeches were made by Dr. M. O. Patterson, Dr. W. T. Lowrey, President J. W. Provine. A brother in Greenwood offers \$600 on condition that the indebtedness of over \$5,000 be raised. A collection amounting to was taken.

Dr. A. J. Vining, of Toronto, Canada, the commissioner in America and Canada for the Baptist World Alliance, made an interesting address which was unique, strong, full of important facts, and bristling with illustrations taken from his tours in the East. He asked for \$5,000 to be paid in three years to build a college in Europe for the education of men to spread the gospel.

A small attendance gathered at the Hall at 8:45. President Whittington called the Convention to order. Several prayers were offered. Dr. W. A. Borum led helpful exercises. Several comforting promises were quoted by the messengers of the Convention.

Dr. V. I. Masters, editorial secretary of the Home Mission Board, was recognized as a visitor.

Medical missionary, R. W. Hooker, of Mexico, was introduced by Dr. L. E. Barton. Rev. W. H. Brengle, of New Orleans, was recognized. Rev. I. M. Wise, of La., spoke of the history of the Baptists of Mississippi. He announced that the first church was planted in the State in 1781.

HOME MISSIONS.

Dr. L. E. Barton, of West Point, presented the report of the committee on Home Missions. The report was strong, presenting clearly the work of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. L. E. Barton yielded the floor to Dr. V. I. Masters. The report says in part:

"Jesus Christ, our Lord, was a true religious patriot. His plan included all mankind, but His zeal for those at a distance did not cause Him to forget those at hand. The Scriptural missionary policy begins at one's own house, one's own city, one's own country, and radiates in ever widening circle to all the sons of men. Southern Baptists

are confronted with a situation. The ends of the earth are met in our Southern civilization. The foreigner has come in like a flood till some of our cities are as much alien as American. Defiance of law, oppression of the weak, the enslaving of children in factory life, mob violence, night riding, predatory wealth, murder, and, most infamous of all, the white slave traffic, run riot in this fair land which the poet with more than usual poetic license has dubbed the 'land of the free and the home of the brave.' There is widespread indifference among the churches with an occasional alien sound of the trumpet in some pulpits, there is the undermining of the faith of quite a few church members by such hydra-headed heresies as 'millennial dawn' and 'Christian science,' so called. The gambling mania, which softens graft into diplomacy, dealing in cotton futures into shrewd business methods, is abroad in the land. The cities are cursed with boss rule, rum and bad politics. Officers take the oath of office and proceed immediately to violate it, and perjure themselves.

"Is relief to come through legislatures and congress and prohibitory laws? These can help to restrain the evil passions of men but only grace can regenerate. A Spirit-filled church is the only deliverance and safety."

"The city is the source of money power. We must send the missionary to the neglected rural district and evangelize and train the plain, honest-hearted country folk who always hear our Lord and His gospel gladly. Among millions of foreigners we are supporting through the Home Board, about sixty-five missionaries. There are said to be four thousand, five hundred houseless churches in our territory and we have a building and loan fund of only \$69,591.95, to supply this destitution. There are twenty-six mountain schools with 4,419 pupils and 65 ministerial students, and a property value of a half million dollars, the most of which was contributed by the local communities and not by Southern Baptists.

"The Home Board maintains an evangelistic force with Dr. Weston Bruner at its head. In Cuba we have approximately 1,500 church members gathered in 22 churches with 22 ordained missionary pastors, and ten or a dozen unordained workers manning this field of vast need and distribution.

"In the Canal Zone we have four organized churches for whites, and eight mission stations. This Canal Zone will be the gateway of the nations and therefore ought to be the most intensely Christian of all places where the stars and stripes wave over men.

"The Home Board received last Convention year \$333,534.43. After paying one thousand dollars for the expense of collecting, within the State, Mississippi gave \$28,827.15 of the above amount. The churches are urged to contribute during this year \$31,000, the amount suggested by the apportionment committee of the Southern Baptist Convention."

The hour for the Convention sermon hav-

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ing arrived, after devotions led by Dr. W. A. Borum, Rev. E. L. Wesson, of New Albany, was intrusted to preach the sermon. He offered prayer and read 1 Cor. 2. He took as a text, Cor. 2:2. The subject of the sermon was "The Preacher and His Message," and the "Preacher's Work." After a faithful interpretation of the text, he proceeded to discuss the manner the Apostle should go down to Corinth, and what he should deliver to the mixed congregation in Corinth. He then asked what it is to know Jesus. He is known as a historical character, which will not save anyone. He is known as the mightiest of the mighty man—but He must be known as something beyond that. He must be known as the Word incarnate God manifest in the flesh—know Him as both Lord and Christ. This is the mission of Baptists to emphasize the God in Christ—this will produce worship.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Martin Ball.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. W. A. Borum, of Jackson. Uncinious prayers were offered by Rev. A. A. Jordan, of Starkville.

President Whittington called the Convention to order.

Dr. Sprole offered a resolution to the effect that J. H. Longino, W. H. Morgan, and C. V. Edwards be placed on the Convention Board. These brethren were placed on the committee on nominations, and, because of their delicate position, they being members of the Board, it was thought proper that the Convention order that they be placed upon the Board.

PUBLICATIONS.

The report of the committee on publications was presented by Rev. T. L. Holecomb, of Yazoo City; some of the things said in the report are these:

"The printed page is one of the most potent agencies of modern civilization. It has already proven an important factor in the religious world; but today it is regarded as an essential medium in the aggressive movement of the kingdom." The report recommends the Home Field, The Foreign Mission Journal, and the various publications of the Sunday School Board. The committee expresses thanks to the Woman's Missionary Union for their publications; also to the Mission Boards for the many tracts sent out by them.

Among the publications in our own State that deserve favorable mention in this report are the following: The Baptist Record, the organ of this Convention, which has stood loyally by every denominational enterprise; deserves much credit for the successes of Mississippi Baptists. We would also mention The Orphanage Gem and The Mississippi Baptist.

The committee recommends that one Sunday in January, best suited to each church, be observed as "Baptist Record Day."

A communication from Dr. T. J. Bailey: "I hereby offer to the Convention my stock in the Mississippi Baptist Publishing Com-

pany at great financial loss to myself, provided, that, in the judgment of the Convention, the paper could be made more useful in our Lord's work.

"If the Convention shall wish to consider this proposition, I will name three brethren to represent my interest in a conference with representatives of the Convention."

In view of the above proposition, we recommend that a committee be appointed, consisting of the president of this Convention, and four other brethren, whose duties shall be:

1st. To confer with Dr. Bailey or his representatives to ascertain the value of his stock, and to purchase the same for this Convention, if the Convention deems it wise to do so.

2nd. To present a detailed report to this Convention during the session of 1912, stating what the committee believes to be the wisest course for the Convention to pursue regarding our connection with, or attitude toward the State paper.

The communities desiring the location for a young woman's college were given an opportunity to present their claims.

A proposition from Hattiesburg was presented; also one from Jackson, making certain offers of property for the school.

THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION

After helpful, devotional exercises, conducted by W. A. Borum, the President called the Convention to order.

A resolution offered by Governor A. H. Longino locates the Convention at Jackson. The Board consists of 27 members instead of 15. The Board can also name an assistant corresponding secretary, if it shall be deemed necessary.

A communication from the ladies pertaining to the resignation of Mrs. W. R. Wood as corresponding secretary of the W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Convention. The paper was referred to the Convention Board. The Convention Board was requested not to accept the resignation, and to make such arrangements with her as would be satisfactory.

Some changes, minor changes, were made, offered by Dr. I. P. Trotter, of Hattiesburg.

STATE MISSIONS

Rev. J. N. McMillin read the report of the committee on State Missions. The report says in part: "The work of missions is one work, with one purpose, one ground for its justification, one means for its accomplishment, and one method. The arbitrary terms in common use, designating different departments of our work, are helpful only while they are used to indicate the components of the one business of giving the gospel to the whole world. Mississippi must loom large enough for us that from our interest in it shall come inspiration for what we do for the world. It is our field of operations for our forces which make for world wide conquest; it is our treasure house of resources, both for men and money. From 1890 to 1900 Baptists made a gain of fifty per cent, being in 1900 one hundred thousand

and, four hundred and six. The amount to State Missions in 1900 was \$8,763.35. From 1900 to 1910 Baptists increased in numbers to 145,510. These comparisons show that Baptists have made three times the rate of increase made in the whole population. State Missions, within the last sixteen years, an increase of more than six hundred per cent.

During its history the State Board has helped more than six hundred churches; there have been 17,822 baptisms, and 26,046 more where State missionaries helped in meetings, making a total of 43,868 baptisms.

In this Convention year 243 stations have been supplied; 900 baptized; 936 were missionaries helped in meetings; 16 churches organized; 129 Sunday Schools organized; collected for missions, \$5,029.00 and for other purposes, \$6,981.00; Thirty-four churches helped in building to the amount of \$4457. The total amount contributed this year to State Missions was \$27,400.00. At no time in the past have our responsibilities been greater, nor our opportunities more inviting than they are today. Our very progress has brought us face to face with the necessity of doing yet larger things. Our business, first of all, is to give the people of Mississippi. The committee urges a larger work on the part of our people with respect to State Missions. Of the 23,300 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, 17,500 are in the country; our own State is almost entirely rural. The country church question is the biggest section both in size and in importance, of this big work before Mississippi Baptists. The advance in our towns and cities have been made almost invariably at the expense of the country churches.

In view of the increased demands upon the Baptists, the committee recommends that we undertake to raise for State Missions during the coming conventional year, \$40,000." The report was discussed by Dr. J. N. McMillin, J. P. Williams, L. E. Barton. The discussions were full of interest and aroused much enthusiasm in the interest of State Missions.

ORPHANAGE

The report on Orphanage was presented by Rev. E. D. Solomon, of Hattiesburg. The report states that the Orphanage has had marvelous growth and development. It is right to help the helpless and care for the needy. In fourteen years the Orphanage has received 487 children; there are now 212 in the Home, and God knows how many more ought to be there. The committee recommends that the Orphanage have a large place in the prayers of all our people; we must have the guidance of our Heavenly Father. That the Sunday School, either singly or collectively, support one or more children in the Home. That special efforts be made this November and December to liquidate the debt of \$3,100, and also to supply running expenses for the future. That as soon as possible and wise, steps be taken

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to provide for the helpless widow as well as the orphan. That the Convention thank the railroads for kindness in furnishing free transportation for much of the supplies sent to the Orphanage.

Speeches were made by Revs. E. D. Solomon, W. E. Farr, T. L. Holecomb and Superintendent J. C. Carter.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION

The air was crisp and bracing; the crowd in attendance was very small at the opening hour. Dr. W. A. Borum conducted the opening exercises; song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and prayer was offered by J. G. Chastain, of Mexico. Several members of the Convention related signal blessings that had come to them in the regular work of the ministry. While these exercises were progressing, Rev. Bryan Simmons reported that Rev. J. T. Longmeyer, of Pelahatchie, had been partially paralyzed, and was taken to the King's Sanitarium. Prayer was offered for his recovery, Rev. Bryan Simmons leading.

Dr. T. J. Bailey offered the following resolution: "Whereas, Mr. Samuel Livingston, of Jackson, has made an offer of 35 acres of land as a site for a Female Baptist College in Jackson; therefore, be it

Resolved, first, That this Convention express thanks to Mr. Livingston for this generous offer.

Second, That the proposition be referred to a committee of nine who shall carefully consider it, and report to the next session of this Convention.

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Rev. A. T. Cinnamond, of Senatobia, read the report of the committee on Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis. In part the report says: "The Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis is the joint property of the Baptist people of Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas. It is held and controlled for them by a board of trustees appointed annually by the three State Conventions. We

were 3,618 baptisms; the rate of increase in church membership was about 11 per cent; there are 297 churches and 605 out-stations; 233 houses of worship; a total membership of 21,343. There are 372 Sunday Schools, with 13,226 pupils. There are 175 day schools with 4,068 pupils; 29 boarding schools with an enrollment of 1,592; two colleges in which 118 students are enrolled; seven training schools in which 140 women are being trained for Christian work, and nine theological schools with 212 students; fifteen medical missionaries and five trained nurses, with their seven hospitals and twelve dispensaries treated 40,716 patients, of whom many were led to Christ. Our four printing presses are sending out millions of pages of splendid Christian literature. The report regrets that we are paying \$13,031 for interest on borrowed money. It is necessary to raise \$600,000; it must be contributed this year. Mississippi is asked for \$38,000. The committee recommends and endorses the share plan, urged by the Board, and insists that pastors and churches take up the matter at once. Our people should

take and read The Foreign Mission Journal, and avail themselves of the Board's offer of free tracts to all who desire them, and we recommend the appointment of a Journal representative, and the organization of at least one mission study class in every church. The committee urges the encouragement of our noble women in their faithful study of Missions, and in their magnificent work of enlisting and developing the children."

Very interesting and instructive speeches were made by missionaries B. P. Roach, of China; J. F. Piani, of Brazil; R. W. Hooker, of Mexico; and J. G. Chastain, of Mexico. Assistant Secretary W. H. Smith, of the Foreign Mission Board, introduced these missionaries, after he had made a very interesting talk.

The proposition from Hattiesburg of twenty-six acres of land and two buildings for a Mississippi Woman's College; this is the offer:

"Mississippi Woman's College, a corporation, under the laws of the State of Mississippi, domiciled at Hattiesburg, hereby tenders to the Baptists of the State of Mississippi, through the Baptist Convention, now in session at Gulfport, the Mississippi Woman's College, including site, buildings, equipment and outlying lands, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the attached resolution, unanimously adopted by the trustees of the said Mississippi Woman's College." The names of the trustees are affixed to this offer.

After setting forth the convenience of the location, its central location and railroad facilities, it is stated that the Baptists of Hattiesburg now own and control a girls' college, chartered under the name of the Mississippi Woman's College, located in the southern suburbs of the city, on twenty-six acres of high, level land, all in one body, with two large modern school dormitories of 75 rooms each, with a maximum boarding capacity of two hundred and fifty girls, which buildings are steam heated, electric lighted, with waterworks supplying pure artesian water from the city's waterworks plant and complete sewerage connections, and which buildings were built in 1907 at a cost of \$38,000. One of the buildings was completely renovated, newly painted, newly furnished throughout, and equipped with all furniture, and equipment necessary for the school purposes, together with five upright and one grand pianos, worth about \$2,000, all at a cost of about \$7,500, to \$8,000. We own, also fourteen acres of valuable land, lying nearby, ten acres in one lot and four in another, all of this property described being now worth \$65,000 to \$70,000, at a conservative estimate. The board of trustees of Mississippi Woman's College, with full authority from and consent of our constituency, the four Baptist churches of Hattiesburg offer to convey and warrant to the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, the Mississippi Woman's College property complete, buildings, equipments and outlying lands, absolutely without debt encumbrance or conditions except that a school for young wom-

en be maintained for at least five years, controlled by the Baptist State Convention.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The decisions conducted by Dr. Borum, were brief but helpful.

LAYMAN'S MOVEMENT.

President J. C. Hardy, of the A. & M. College at Starkville, presented a report from the committee on Layman's Movement. Several recommendations were made by the committee; the labor of Prof. J. L. Johnson, chairman of the State Convention committee of the Layman's Movement; he has given 57 days of service away from his home to this work; he has traveled 3,563 miles; he has delivered 44 laymen addresses and 13 Sunday School addresses, and has distributed nearly a million pages of mission literature.

During the month of April a special campaign for Home and Foreign Missions was made, in which 150 rallies were held in 30 different associations. July was devoted to State Missions; and, notwithstanding the threatening frustration of the plan by the heated political campaign, 16 associations were gathered in special meetings, and a large amount of State Mission literature was distributed. \$500 was appropriated by the State Mission Board to be used by the executive committee in paying postage, express charges, literature, clerical work, etc. It is recommended that this appropriation be made again this coming year. The committee recommends that the executive committee of the Layman's Movement be continued.

The committee on the Baptist Hospital at Jackson made an encouraging report. The Hospital had proved a great success during the last year, and it was suggested that the need for better equipment was urgent. Many interesting speeches were made by several members of the Convention.

TEASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer T. J. Bailey submitted the report of the Convention Board:

Receipts for the year:	
State Missions	\$ 20,089.58
Foreign Missions	34,736.53
Home Missions	23,476.67
General Missions	4,702.16
Aged Ministers' Relief	2,757.11
Ministerial Education	577.07
Church Building	1,595.00
Margaret Home	4,795.00
Bible Fund	7,095.00
Training School	13,645.00
Mississippi College	725.00
Endowment of Ministerial Relief	2,500.00
Sou. Bapt. Theological Seminary	1,400.00
Total	\$ 49,844.73

The Treasurer stated that this did not nearly represent the total amount of work done. Many have sent their money directly to the secretaries of the Boards.

The committee on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. reported through Rev. L. G. Gates, chairman:

"The Sunday School is not a creation of man, but an institution of God. It has become more than a fact or a factor; it is now an army on the march with flying banners and Victory perched upon its standard."

The Sunday School idea is growing; its usefulness increasing; its vision broadening, and its ultimate aim is being realized. Through the Baptist Record, Miss Margaret Laekey is lending impetus to the work with the lessons each week.

The committee suggests that in the future, these two subjects, because of their importance, be considered separately; and, further, that the Convention, at the earliest possible moment, place a primary worker in the field to assist our faithful, efficient and untiring field secretary, Brother J. E. Byrd.

The encampment each year affords the best opportunities for bringing our people closer to the Bible, and instilling in them a practical working idea of God's truth. With two of these, one at Hattiesburg, and the other at Blue Mountain, we believe that the most can be accomplished for God.

NOMINATIONS

The committee recommends the following:

The Convention Board—FOR ONE YEAR:

T. L. Holecomb, H. F. Sproles, J. N. McMillin, A. H. Longino, W. A. Borum, H. L. Martin, L. E. Barton, J. L. Johnson, Jr., T. J. Barksdale.

FOR TWO YEARS

E. T. Moberly, W. H. Morgan, W. I. Thomas, W. A. Roper, P. I. Lipsey, W. A. Jordan, I. P. Trotter, T. J. Shipman, W. C. Grace.

FOR THREE YEARS

C. V. Edwards, H. W. Rockett, E. J. Hightower, W. I. Hargis, A. J. Preston, J. P. Harrington, A. T. Cinnamond, J. P. Williams, J. B. Leavell.

Baptist Mississippi Woman's College—ONE YEAR

H. C. Joyner, J. L. Taylor, J. C. Hardy, J. L. Love, J. E. Davis, Ellis Hickman, T. S. Jackson.

TWO YEARS

Abner Polk, I. P. Trotter, W. L. Pack, J. N. McMillin, J. B. Quinn, W. E. Farr, T. J. Moore.

THREE YEARS

Lowrey Love, S. E. Travis, T. E. Ross, E. D. Solomon, A. L. O'Briant, L. G. Gates, N. R. Drummond.

Jackson First church was recommended as the next place of meeting. Time, Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in November, 1912.

It was further recommended that, inasmuch as the Ministers' Conference meets the day before the Convention and closes with a sermon, that this sermon take the place of the Convention sermon.

TEMPERANCE

The report of the committee on temperance was submitted. It says in part: "No Christian has a right to weaken his physical or mental powers, except in cases where it becomes his duty to sacrifice self, wholly or in part, for God's glory or humanity's good. No Christian has a right to unnecessarily take a risk on his life, his powers or his influence. No Christian has a right to unnecessarily, set an example that might be for the ruin or even for the injury of others."

The committee makes three recommendations:

1st, That this Convention urge all its constituents to abstain from even the moderate use of intoxicants as a beverage; and that all pastors, Sunday School workers and other leaders be urged to lay stress upon this phase of duty.

2nd, That this Convention re-affirms its belief in State wide prohibition of the dramshop, and urge all of our people to stand for and by the present law.

3rd, That this Convention memorialize the incoming Governor and legislature, urging our confidence in the final efficiency of State wide prohibition; and urging them to adopt all possible measures to secure the proper enforcement of the law in every county and community.

The committee rejoices in the fact that there are no legalized saloons in Mississippi, but view with alarm and deeply deplore the fact that liquors are illegally sold in vast quantities in many parts of this commonwealth—a practice which is not only degenerating to the individual and demoralizing to the community, but further tends to so disgust many so-called prohibitionists, as to endanger our State wide prohibition law, and to encourage a sentiment favorable to its repeal, which is the object so declared by liquor interests outside of the State.

Congratulations are extended to the State of Maine upon its victory in retaining prohibition in its constitution, in spite of the fact that the State is largely populated with foreigners.

The Anti-Saloon League of Mississippi is endorsed in its action of organizing the counties and the precincts of the State, and emphasizing the League's law-enforcement department, with a view of exterminating the blind tigers and gambling dives in the State; and intensifying the sentiment for absolute prohibition, and for the selection of the best men for office.

This Convention memorializes the Mississippi legislature, which meets in January, next, to pass a law making it a felony to engage in the liquor traffic in this State; especially for the second offense.

The Life Beautiful.

The life, that, amid sufferings and difficulties, walks in the light, smiles in the sorrow, trusts in the storm, presses bravely ahead amid the perils, is like the cloud illumined morning—a far grander mirror of divine power and grace than a life of untroubled repose.—Ex.

Thanksgiving.

It is Thanksgiving Day again. The purple glow on autumn's leaf; Sweet nutriment in ripened sheaf, The whitened harvest we did gleam, And many things both heard and seen, Tell us that it is time once more, To bless the Lord for bounteous store.

All nature has had its time to praise the Lord. In many ways did springtime tell of the joy and blessings of Spring. Mother Earth folded back her winter robes and sent forth from her bosom first one single sprig of grass. Like an index finger it pointed toward the sky, and the seven-hued glory seen in the sparkling dew-drop poised on its tip, told of the combined praise to the God who created and kept them all.

My friends, after all this, it is but fitting that you and I, the highest creation of God, for whom all else has been made, and by whom all is enjoyed, should stop amidst our journey, just before Nature falls asleep in Winter's arms, lift our hearts and voices heavenward and "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!"

Bryan Simmons.

An Old Sermon Preached Over Twice

J. B. Gambrell, Editor.

In the early seventies I was a student in the University of Mississippi; that noble old Presbyterian preacher, Dr. J. N. Waddell was chancellor. Once or twice a month he preached to a Presbyterian church east of Oxford and I preached to a little Baptist church a little further east. It quite often happened that we fell in together going and coming. On one occasion, as we were coming into Oxford he told me of what he regarded one of the greatest sermons he had ever heard.

The gentle breezes sweeping through the waving trees caught charming notes from the throats of happy birds, and lifting the laughter from babbling brooks beneath, blended these into one harmonious chorus of praise to the God of Spring.

So passed on to summer in ceaseless rhythm from beast and bird, and flower, the encouragement to trust and praise the Lord. If sometimes there came (as indeed it did) the sound of a minor key, this with the discord caused by the touch of sin, was forced to serve as a means to accent the melody of the song.

But Summer was for service and the days were days of toil. Yet, not all was labor and sorrow. Every sunset glow and morning dew gave renewed cause for gladness. If, sometimes, sunshine came instead of showers, and long hot hours did twist blades and buds and flowers, they were only testing; and seemed to send the stars at night, that they with cooling kisses might lead the wilted foliage to unfold and try again.

So through passing days, buds gave place to fruit and flowers. Seeds sown in fertile soil soon came forth in shoots, then in stalks, and then in multiplied yield of their own likenesses.

Then, what a scene! We got out with joy and are led forth with peace. The mountains and the hills break before us into singing, and all of the trees of the field clap their hands. Cattle on a thousand hills graze at leisure. Flocks of fatted sheep by waters still rest in the cooling shade of the spreading trees.

Ruddy apple and blushing peach nod to each other assent of His goodness; while united fields of ripened grain wave one parabolic salute of praise to Him whose are the hills and the valleys, who sends the sunshine and the rain.

Summer passing by, places the wand of

gladness into Autumn's ready hand. And how does Autumn show her gratitude to our Benefactor! From the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley, she extracts perfume for His anointing. With well chosen spices she sends forth an incense of sweet smelling savor. Then gathering choicest purple from falling leaves, finest gold from ripened grain, and fairest gems from starlit skies, she robes and crowns Him Lord of all, laying trophies at His feet.

And a strong point was made on the fact that men ordinarily who wish to be great religious leaders can never be because in wishing to be they have the element of selfishness which is destructive of religious leadership. Dr. Waddell glowed as he talked of how luminous and strong the preacher made these points and how he bore them down on the people.

He then made the point that there need never be any fear that great occasions will not bring out great leaders, because the times are in the Divine Hand and throughout the ages God guides the leaders of them, and when the due time for the accomplishment of great things occurs, then from some place, generally from some unexpected place comes the leader. He himself doesn't know he is the leader to begin with, but he sounds out the note, speaking out of his heart, and it is the true note which catches the ear of the people, it is the voice of the real shepherd and the sheep hear his voice and all the people come to know directly that a leader has come, and because the leader reaches the heart of the people they come with him. False leaders arise and lead people away for a time, but the unerring religious instinct in the heart of humanity will finally condemn the false leader.

Then the preacher turned away to talking about how leaders in religion themselves have a leader. We are to follow men only so far as they follow Christ, and that is to be the test everywhere; and here the great preacher turned to talking in the simplest way about Christ. His characteristic as the chief leader, the great Shepherd over all, and then discussed obedience, His ceaseless care to do the will of His Father in Heaven; and he talked on about Christ and His life and how every leader must be like Him, humble, tender-hearted, separated from the world, given to good works, and on and on until he began to describe how Christ took a tedious journey afoot, tramping over the dusty roads to come to Jordan to be baptized to fulfill all righteousness, and it was here Dr. Waddell said the Baptist preacher showed the consummate art of the preacher. He went right on giving the New Testament history of it, keeping at every step in the beaten path of Scripture until he came to Jordan, and without raising a question or without intimating there might be a question raised, he described Christ's baptism, how He went down in the waters, how He was buried beneath the waves and what it prefigured; and Dr. Waddell said they had all gone into Jordan with Him and out on the other side without ever considering where they were going.

It was his judgment that this was the finest type of preaching he had ever heard, and concluded the preaching of the sermon over, as I have done in a bung-

ling way, by saying S. S. Lattimore was the greatest preacher Mississippi ever had.—His style was faultless, his mastery of his subject so complete that it flowed from his lips like a liquid stream; and his language so persuasive that one could never stop to question anything especially as he was constantly speaking in the light of the Scriptures.

I have often thought of the high tribute paid by this eminent Presbyterian to one who had left that communion and one who became a stout defender of the Baptist faith. The marked feature of the sermon described and preached again by Dr. Wadell was that it was a communication of the truth rather than a defense of it; and I raise the question whether we do not far more need to communicate the truth than to defend it. If the truth can be communicated it will not need any defense. If the light can be brought into the room there will be no need of combatting the darkness nor defending the light. The noblest defense of truth is the truth itself, and to my thinking the supreme art of preaching is not in raising questions about truth, far less raising opposition to the truth, but in the most persuasive, reasonable and winning way communicating the truth to hearts that are open to receive it. In reflecting on this the model sermon described by my venerated Presbyterian friend long in glory, I have thought of another point that is worth while. S. S. Lattimore not only communicated the truth, but his manner was such as to raise no prejudice in anybody's mind. It is marvelous that a great many preachers will even in the introduction to a sermon put up all the bars between them and anybody in the congregation who needs to receive the message, by an arrogant manner or an antagonistic manner.

Amen and Selah!
J. R. Farish.

We urge that every reader of The Baptist Record give special attention to the accounts of the Convention and of the Woman's Meeting. We owe it to ourselves to keep posted on the needs and progress of our work.

In our issue of November 6th, we reprinted part of the article, "Grading in Sunday School" written by H. C. Gilbert, for "The Superintendent" and failed to give proper credit to this magazine. This was, of course, an oversight, and we gladly give in full the article, and regret exceedingly that such an error was made. The article will be found on another page.

Peloubet's Select Notes for 1912.

We have just received a large supply of Peloubet's Select Notes for 1912. For thirty years this most popular of all helps on the Sunday School lessons has been making its appearance. Send us \$1.10 and a copy will start to you the same day the order is received. Also we will be pleased to furnish any other Sunday School help desired. Let us know what you want and we will serve you promptly. By dealing with us, you have the advantage of getting book within a few hours after it is ordered. Write The Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss.

Meridian, Miss., Nov. 11, 1911.

Dear Baptist Record:

Sister Farish and myself appreciated very much a recent visit of several days from Bishop H. W. Long, who has been absent from Mississippi for eight of ten years, serving churches in Georgia and Florida. We were delighted to have him in our humble home in Meridian, and to hear him talk about the work in Georgia and Florida during these eight or ten years. He is looking at least ten years younger than he did before he left Mississippi. His health is excellent and he bids fair to do splendid work in our Baptist Zion for fifteen or twenty years more. When Bishop Long

left Mississippi to accept a pastorate in Georgia, and Florida, he was considered one of the very best preachers in the State, with an additional experience of eight or ten years in the pastorate and a close application to the study of the Bible, he is well able to fill any pulpit in Mississippi with great acceptance to the church and congregation. Brethren and sisters of Mississippi, let us see to it that no other state persuades him to leave Mississippi again, for such men as he are hard to find. His address for the present is Shuqualak, Miss. If there are any pastorless churches in Mississippi that desire a splendid pastor and preacher, and one sound and pure gold in the faith, and are willing to give Bishop Long an adequate support, for himself and small family, I would advise them to correspond with this able man of God and hightoned Christian gentleman at their earliest opportunity.

Meeting of the Convention Board.

The annual meeting of this Board will occur December 4th, 3:30 p. m., 1911. It consists of the following brethren who will take notice and govern themselves accordingly: H. F. Sproles, Clinton; T. L. Holcomb, Yazoo City; J. N. McMillin, Jackson; A. H. Longino, Jackson; W. A. Borum, Jackson; L. E. Barton, West Point; H. L. Martin, Hollandale; J. L. Johnson, Jr., Clinton; T. J. Barksdale, Natchez; E. T. Mobberly, Okolona; W. H. Morgan, Brookhaven; W. L. Thamas, Picayune; W. R. Cooper, Grenada; P. I. Lipsey, Clinton; W. A. Jordan, Starkville; I. P. Trotter, Hattiesburg; T. J. Shipman, Meridian; W. C. Grace, Gulfport; C. V. Edwards, Greenwood; H. W. Rockett, Sallis; E. G. Hightower, Forest; W. I. Hargis, University; A. J. Preston, Tupelo; J. P. Harrington, Corinth; A. T. Cinnamond, Senatobia; J. P. Williams, Collins; J. B. Leavell, Indianola.

This is the annual meeting for making appropriations and all requests for help should be in writing, and sent to the undersigned for filing.

A. V. Rowe, Cor. Sec'y.
Jackson, Miss.

Gainesville, Miss.

We have just closed a good meeting here. Bro. T. S. Entrekin of Purvis, Miss., came to us Saturday night before the third Sunday and preached twice a day until Thursday night. The preaching was of high order. The church was revived visibly, resulting in three by letter and one for baptism. Also Bro. Entrekin assisted the pastor J. R. McCardle in ordaining Bro. A. H. Muller to the full work of the ministry.

Yours in the work,

Mrs. A. H. Miller.

The Return of Spring.

God is so constant to the earth!
Like new flame on an empty hearth
He lights the swift, sweet fires of spring
For his beloved's comforting.
And lo, Joy of the World returns!
Light-stepped, with lilies in her hand,
She comes to bless the wakening land.
Oh, heart of mine, not overlong
Shall we lament our want or wrong.
How may we doubt that even thus
His tenderness shall comfort us?
Rejoice in the glad certainty—
Some day through very paths of pain
Shall Joy of Life come back again!

—Theodosia Garrison.

Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.—St. Francis de Sales.

ing in very succinct form, say from a half to a whole column.

THE BAPTIST RECORD.

Annual Meeting of the State W. M. U.

In making report of the annual State meeting of the W. M. U., of Mississippi, I shall not so much bear in mind those who were fortunate enough to be present, as those who, like the unseen Spirit of God Himself, are toiling patiently out in the shadow of an almost overwhelming environment and power of circumstance, unknown except to Him who keepeth watch above His own, and guides and strengthens along the darkest paths.

The watchword of the meeting was, "Our Sufficiency is of God." Officers present and who presided were Mrs. W. A. McComb, President, Clinton; Mrs. A. J. Owen, Vice-President; Mrs. G. W. Riley, Secretary.

The State Secretary, Mrs. W. R. Woods, of the Central Committee; Mrs. W. S. Smith, of Meridian, President of Sunbeam work; Mrs. Martin Ball, of Winona, President of the Y. W. A. work; and Mrs. T. J. Bailey, Editor of the Woman's Page in the Baptist Record, were also present; only Mrs. A. J. Hackett, of Meridian, President of Central Committee, being detained at home.

Mrs. McComb's address was filled with suggestions of how God had chosen the weak things to confound the mighty; of how we should long for God's guidance with so much to do for Christ; of how we need to know.

The policy of the W. M. U., as printed in the minutes, should be studied; co-operation necessary instead of free and independent work; Baptist children are behind children of other denominations in information; Sunbeam work is done haphazard; same could be said of some other organizations when all should work in harmony. The Convention should plan, and the rank and file should know and follow. The Prayer Calendar should be used; we are ineffective without prayer.

The report of Mrs. Woods, the corresponding secretary, was received with something of sadness and apprehension as to future achievement, since after thirteen years in the work she had presented her resignation to the Convention Board. For the year, there had been increasing interest and more intelligent and well directed effort. The work of W. M. U.'s, Y. W. A.'s, Sunbeams, and Royal Ambassadors, was commended. The Secretary rejoiced to live in such a time and the W. M. U. institutes are designed to emphasize adherence to the publish-

ed W. M. U. policy, and to distribute literature and cultivate a desire for information. Mrs. Wood hoped her work would tell in future triumphs for the cause. Mrs. McComb, Mrs. Smith, of Meridian, Mrs. Stapleton, of Hattiesburg, Mrs. Riley expressed regrets at Mrs. Wood's resignation.

Mrs. A. J. Aven, of Clinton, gave an impressive address on "The Standard of Excellence" and emphasizing tithing and the rewards promised in Malachi. It was a masterly presentation of the prepared chart utilized at this meeting.

The Treasurer's report showed that a grand total of \$32,613.97 had been given during the year to various objects fostered by the women of Mississippi. Fifty-two new societies have been organized, and there are more than five hundred now in the State.

At the head of the printed program for Wednesday morning was the suggestive quotation, "Wist ye not I must be about my Father's business?" Before the women could get in line for work Dr. Potts appeared, and by permission, presented the Tri-State Hospital at Memphis, an institution to which Mississippi has already given some \$80,000. Nine Mississippians are on its board of trustees. Buildings under process of construction are to cost \$500,000 and memorial rooms were recommended as objects for the W. M. U., each room to cost \$1,000. The middle section of the structure is now being built at a cost of \$225,000, and when the whole is completed, no institution of its kind in the country will be equal to it except St. Luke's in Chicago. Baptists should be proud of this institution. Rev. Mr. Simmons later presented the Mississippi Baptist Sanitarium at Jackson, telling of its income of \$6,000 for the year; of the one-tenth having been given to charity patients for their relief from suffering; of the 123 surgical operations in twelve months and the more than two hundred patients. The new building will cost \$30,000. Mississippi is alone responsible for the Mississippi Baptist Hospital. Pledges were taken for a linen shower, and it will result in a regular downpour in Christmas boxes to be sent Miss Stamps, Superintendent of the Hospital at Jackson, Miss. Mr. Bailey told of the relation between the sanitarium and the Orphanage of how the larger children in the latter minister to the afflicted fellows; where necessary

demands their detention in the sanitarium. Christ ministered to the sick. We have lost in money and membership by not doing so—lost more than can be estimated. Such institutions are evangelizing agencies.

Mrs. Harry L. Martin presented the report on Foreign Missions, which showed Mississippi women had given for the year, \$4,636.58 to this object. The Christmas offering for China was urged; weeks of prayer commended. The Mississippi W. M. U. has given to Home Missions \$2,334.40 for the year and all contributions are \$2,000 in advance of last year.

Mrs. John McDuffey spoke on Training School. She believed in women's work for women. We have been successful without training; but now need it to meet new conditions. The tide of immigration demands it; the Sunday Schools demand it; lack of it is a barrier to all advancement. The Training School was established in 1907. One hundred and forty-six missionaries have gone out from it. \$35,000 is needed, \$7,000 for five years. The Y. W. A.'s have had the school as their special object. The Y. W. A. is the arm of the W. M. U.

Mrs. Martin Ball conducted the Y. W. A. conference. There are nine hundred Y. W. A. workers in the State. Literature commended, including The Baptist Record, which every loyal Baptist woman in the State should have in her family. Tithing urged. The young women, our hope can't change old women. The need is for leaders who understand. There are forty-two Y. W. A.'s in the State and their contributions to all objects amount to \$2,924.76. There were twelve new organizations formed during the year. Miss Elizabeth Keithley, now a missionary to mountain schools in Kentucky, was elected Y. W. A. leader for this State. She will attend the Training School next year. Three young girls, Miss Minnie Moreton, of Meridian; Miss Harrington, of Corinth; and Miss Addie Sasser, of Laurel, spoke before the meeting and were strong arguments for Y. W. A.'s and the development they afford.

In presenting the report on State work, Mrs. Borum, of Jackson, spoke of how South Mississippi is peculiarly the Baptists' own; on it rests the whole structure, strength and struggle. Min-

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Terrible Suffering**Eczema All Over Baby's Body.**

"When my baby was four months old his face broke out with eczema, and at sixteen months of age, his face, hands and arms were in a dreadful state. The eczema spread all over his body. We had to put a mask or cloth over his face and tie up his hands. Finally we gave him Hood's Sarsaparilla and in a few months he was entirely cured. Today he is a healthy boy." Mrs. Inez Lewis, Baring, Maine. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures blood diseases and builds up the system. Get it today in use liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatabs.

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Grading in Sunday Schools.
(By H. C. Gilbert in The Superintendent.)

The time has come for a change from the haphazard, accidental, loose way of classifying pupils in our Sunday Schools to a careful, systematic, purposeful method.

We cannot grade in the Sunday School upon precisely the same plan that we use in the day schools because the one has voluntary, while the other has compulsory work as a prerequisite to promotion. The main guide for the grading in the Sunday School must be the age of the pupil. There might be some requirement, such as attendance for forty Sundays out of fifty-two, for securing a bright and pretty promotion card; but a pupil should not be held back for two years in the same grade in order to make him learn the lessons he should have learned during the previous year.

Grade means "step," and, therefore, the best way to illustrate a graded system may be a diagram of steps. Children love to "see" themselves climbing up the steps. They know that they are growing "upward" in years and in stature. It is well to use this well known fact to teach the lesson of growth in character.

The constant motto of this diagram is that of growth: "As we grow in years, let us strive to grow in knowledge, faith and love"—knowledge of the Book, faith in God and ourselves, and love toward our fellows.

This plan includes a public promotion day, thereby emphasizing the fact of their growth in years and the corresponding importance of growth in character.

1. Growth begins with the home and ends with it.

2. The beginners' class corresponds to the kindergarten in day school.

3. The figures on the left end of the steps in the diagram indicate the age of the pupils, while the smaller figures to the right show the grade to which each pupil belongs. For example—Age six belongs to grade one; age nine belongs to grade four. By subtracting five from the age anyone can quickly determine to what grade a pupil belongs.

4. Notice that in the beginners' and primary departments, the boys and girls are taught together; but in the intermediate and junior departments they are taught in separate classes.

5. As a preparation for Bible study it would be well for all pupils leaving the Baraca or Philothea classes to take the teacher-training course, even if they do not expect to teach in the Sunday School.

Each teacher must have a class secretary. This secretary must make a written report to the general secretary of the Sunday School, for each grade under its teacher, covering the four points shown on the blackboard: Number present, number absent, the amount of offering, number of Bibles brought to the grade that day.

7. The general secretary of the Sunday School must take these class reports and copy them on the blackboard, on proper blank space for each grade respectively, and then furnish a summary report containing the totals shown by the blackboard.

8. In this way the superintendent, officers, teachers, as well as pupils, may all get at one glance a visual impression, as well as the oral impression made by public statement of the secretary, of the real condition of the school. Wide awake officers will study the weak points as shown by this blackboard report, and try to correct them by harder work along defective lines.

9. The cradle roll and home department superintendents are asked to report also on the blackboard and are thereby properly recognized, as important factors in the work of the school.

10. The reports made by the classes, through their secretaries, to the general secretary of the school, may be made upon a printed card with this "step" diagram on it, thereby acquainting and familiarizing them with the position they occupy in the graded system.

11. This diagram does not mean that you must have one teacher to each grade; but you can separate or combine the grades according to the size of the school and the number of teachers desired. When necessary, even the departments may be combined, though that should not be done if it can possibly be avoided.

12. This does not take the place of the regular class book, containing name, age, residence, and attendance of pupils for the teacher's study and reference.

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Mrs. Borum presented a resolution to increase the salary of Mrs. Woods, by petitioning the Convention Board. A letter was read from the Delta asking that a worker be sent there among the women.

Mr. Piani, our returned missionary from Brazil, spoke for the people he has made his people and told of how the rental of a building for a college there costs \$330 per month. Mr. Piani returns to Brazil in January.

Mrs. W. R. Venable, of McComb, conducted a conference with the, perhaps twenty, vice-presidents of the different associations present. A general expense fund to be raised by the payment of ten cents per annum by each member of W. M. U.'s was suggested, as a means of looking to the payment of the expenses of a delegate to conventions and other bodies. The Associations should pay expenses of woman's work, and each church should send two women to represent the Woman's Work at Associational meetings, and the State corresponding secretaries should make the programs for Associational meetings.

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THE STORY OF TWO KINGDOMS

Miss M. A. Lackey

Lesson 10.

December 3.

Neh. 6:18.

Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall of Jerusalem.

Golden Text.—“Watch ye, stand fast in the faith; quit you like men, be strong.”—1st Cor. 16:13.

In last Sunday's lesson we learned something of Nehemiah, his high position at court, his grief over the condition of his countrymen in Jerusalem, and his prayer for their deliverance. If you will read chapter 2 to 6 inclusive, you will get the entire lesson story for today and so better understand all that this selection for our lesson means to us. Refresh your memory with the circumstances of his journey to Jerusalem, what led him to go, his prayer in behalf of his countrymen, his request to the king and his answer. Bring to mind how, at last he arrived with his train of soldiers at Jerusalem. Though the king, Xerxes, had appointed him governor of Judah, yet he entered the city very quietly and for three days studied the people and the city. The third night he went out of Jerusalem after dark and rode round the whole length of the ruined wall. Then he called together the leaders and workers of the city, aroused their zeal and faith in God, and persuaded them to aid him in rebuilding the walls. Then the struggle began. So busy and energetic were they in their work that the walls were half way up before their old enemies did anything but mock and laugh. But when these enemies saw that ridicule was not going to stop the work, they conspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem. Troubles began to pour thick and fast upon Jeremiah; but his faith and courage and wisdom, his practical tact and ability stood the test as

this lesson shows. The work of rebuilding the wall was finished in just fifty-two days from the time it was begun.

Who was Nehemiah? (1:1.)

Who was his king?

Over what country was he king?

How came he to be friendly to the Jews?

How was the king dependent on Nehemiah?

Why did Nehemiah go to Jerusalem? (2:5.)

Who gave him permission and authority to go? (2:6-8.)

Who were grieved to see him come to Jerusalem? (2:10.)

Why?

What did Nehemiah do first after his arrival? (2:11-16.)

After this what did he do? (2:17-20.)

Why was it necessary for the city to have walls?

How did the Jews' enemies first regard their work? (2:19-20; 4:1-3.)

Name some of these enemies (Verse 7.)

When ridicule failed, what did the enemies next try? (Verses 7, 8, 11.)

How did Nehemiah meet their methods? (Verse 9.)

What difficulty among his workers did he now have to overcome? (Verse 10.)

Who was Judah? (Judah the people speaking through the rulers.)

Why were they discouraged?

What remedy did Nehemiah give for their discouragement? (Verse 14.)

How did the selfishness of the Jews threaten their ruin? (Verse 12.)

What injustice had they done? (5:1-13.)

How did Nehemiah overcome this difficulty? (Verse 13.)

Name some temptations Nehemiah had to overcome? (6:1-9; 10:14.)

Had he yielded what would have been the result to himself?

To his work?

What was one cause of his success? (Verse 6, last clause.)

Name another cause? (Verse 9.)

What shows Nehemiah's great faith in God? (2:20; 4:14.)

How did he show his ability as a leader and commander? (Verse 16-20.)

Sum up the causes of his success?

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they try to do better?

Why and how?

What kind of courage is needed to overcome it?

Why is discouragement dangerous to Christian life and Christian work?

How is selfishness an enemy to Christian progress?

How did it cause the downfall of Judas Iscariot?

Can one be supremely selfish, and be a Christian?

What is the Christian's responsibility in the face of temptation?

How did Jesus overcome the tempter in the wilderness? (Matt. 4:1-11.)

Why is faith a necessity for everyone?

What do you think of the saying, “Trust in God and keep your powder dry?”

What battles need to be fought in America today for “God and Home and native land?”

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The Ruleville Meeting.

Last Sunday night closed a two weeks' meeting with our church here. The Lord was here in great power from the very first and we have been rejoicing over the results. We had only eleven additions to the church, but the revival in the church was great. Our church was in a rather peculiar condition. Three years ago a so-called evangelist came here and told his grave yard stories and filled the church with unconverted people, and from the time of his departure, the church has been going down and a few months ago this same so-called

evangelist returned and preached “Infidelity” good and strong, and came near ruining the church but God in His wisdom sent Dr. T. T. Martin and his noble band of co-workers to us. Eternity will only tell the good they have done this little town.

Brother Martin's preaching was argumentative mostly, and by the help of God I feel that he has completely unearthed the damnable stuff that was put off on our people some time ago. He proved to the honest man that the Bible was the Word of God, and by his searching sermons he located the unsaved of the church, and such manifestation of God's power was never seen before. The church was completely revolutionized. Unconverted church members were led to Christ and the smoldering warmth of the backsliders was made to leap and light and heat the life of the church. I felt if some one could bring the embers of Christian activity together till fire should touch fire, and then wait until the breath of the Spirit should blow upon them there would again be a living flame in the church, and Dr. Martin, with his simple, yet magnetic way, so divided the Word of Truth that any one passing will catch the warmth, and know the fire is not out in our church now.

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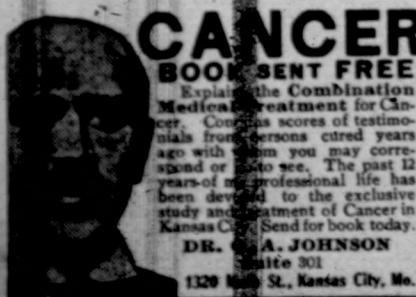
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